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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1777

5 By: Representative Kizzia  
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## For An Act To Be Entitled

8 AN ACT TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF THE  
9 ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD *EDUCATION*;  
10 *TO STUDY THE EFFECTIVE USE OF STATE RESOURCES AND*  
11 *COORDINATION OF PROGRAMS TO IMPROVE EDUCATIONAL*  
12 *OUTCOMES FOR CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO AGE FIVE (5); AND*  
13 FOR OTHER PURPOSES.  
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## Subtitle

16 TO AMEND VARIOUS PROVISIONS OF TITLE 6 OF  
17 THE ARKANSAS CODE CONCERNING EARLY  
18 CHILDHOOD EDUCATION.  
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22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:  
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24 *SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 6, Chapter 45, Subchapter 1, is amended*  
25 *to add an additional section to read as follows:*

26 *6-45-112. Study of educational programs for children from birth*  
27 *through five (5) years of age.*

28 *(a) The House Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on*  
29 *Education in partnership with the Arkansas Early Childhood Commission and*  
30 *other organizations identified by the House Committee on Education and the*  
31 *Senate Committee on Education, shall conduct an interim study of Arkansas*  
32 *early childhood education to:*

33 *(1) Evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of the state's*  
34 *current programs serving children from birth to five (5) years of age;*

35 *(2) Determine policies and program needs that will most*  
36 *efficiently and effectively utilize the state's available resources; and*



1           (3) Identify additional programs, resources, or program changes  
2 needed to improve outcomes for children from birth to five (5) years of age.

3           (b) The study shall review:

4               (1) Accessibility to programs;

5               (2) Program quality;

6               (3) State policy;

7               (4) Existing data;

8               (5) Coordination between programs; and

9               (6) Accountability of the programs.

10           (c) The study shall consider a wide variety of programs, including  
11 without limitation early childhood education programs under the Arkansas  
12 Better Chance Program Act, § 6-45-101 et seq., that affect this age-group and  
13 that have the potential to impact the development of children in this age  
14 group.

15           (d) A written report of the study shall be presented to the House  
16 Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Education by October 1,  
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